

PORTSMOUTH AND NORFOLK COUNTY

What Virginian-Pilot Representatives Hear Daily.

BRIEF ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Movements of People in Whom the Average Reader is Interested—Happenings in Legal—Business, Religious and Social Circles—A Forecast of Future Events.

Master Sparmaker Geo. A. Bailey, of the navy yard, who has been confined to his home for the past few days with grip, reported for duty yesterday.

Two drunks, a man and a woman, were fined \$1 each in the Police Court yesterday morning.

A colored family club has been organized at Pinner's Point to take in hand the question of the promotion of health among its members.

Mr. E. N. Grant, clerk of the market, who has been ill for some time, has entirely recovered and will resume his duties next Monday.

Monumental Epworth League will hold its regular weekly meeting to-night. An excellent program has been prepared for the occasion.

Miss Nellie Jackson, of Elmira, N. Y., is in the city on a visit to friends. This is her first visit to the South.

Mr. Green ran a chicken thief out of his yard in Prentiss Place yesterday morning.

Workmen will begin very shortly putting the slate on the roof of St. Paul's Catholic Church.

The month of March has been unusually healthy so far. There have been but few deaths.

Several shots were fired in rapid succession in the suburbs at an early hour yesterday morning. They could not be traced to any person or cause.

Dressed chickens sold for \$1 a pair and upwards yesterday. Country people can make money raising them at the prices they sell for now.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, and will be appropriately observed by the Catholics and Episcopalians.

Mr. Herman C. Niemeyer is quite sick at his home on Swimming Point.

Mr. Robert Boggs, an old Portsmouth boy, has returned to his old home after an absence of twenty-eight years. He will remain here if he can find employment.

The Southern States Telephone Company is putting up an aerial cable containing fifty wires. This cable will enable the company to remove many of the wires from the poles.

Yesterday morning a horse attached to a baker's wagon belonging to Zipper, the baker, in Norfolk, came dashing up High street at rapid speed and came near running over several persons.

The second quarterly conference of Owen's Memorial Church will be held to-night.

The employees of the navy yard will be paid to-morrow and Saturday for the first half of March.

A negro named John Stiff was brought over from Berkeley yesterday by Officer Sykes. He was sentenced to sixty days in jail for buying stolen goods.

Captain E. W. Owens will assemble the Portsmouth Rifles at the armory next Thursday night, the 30th instant, for reorganization. Fifty signatures have been affixed to the petition to the Governor.

Mr. John C. Parkerson, who went to St. Vincent de Paul Hospital last week to have a tumor removed from his breast, was reported yesterday as doing exceedingly well. His physicians speak in splendid terms of his fortitude.

A lot belonging to Carrie S. Etheredge and other was transferred to Samuel Lasting and others, trustees of the Cheora Golly Chessed Synagogue, lot on east side of Washington street, 84 feet north of Columbia; \$1,300.

The evidence in the suit of McCloud vs. Foster Black and others, in the Circuit Court, was concluded yesterday and argument will begin to-day.

The choir of Court Street Baptist Church is rehearsing nightly the music to be sung on Easter Sunday. The choir of this church has gained quite an enviable reputation for rendering music of a very high class on Easter Sunday, and judging from the music being rehearsed by them at this time, this reputation will be fully sustained.

Capt. Isaac Miller died yesterday at his residence on Centennial Point. Capt. Miller was well known here as an experienced pilot. He was a member of No. 16 lodge K. of P. of this city. Notice of funeral later.

The Portsmouth Street Railway has resumed a regular schedule on its Park View extension. They promise that the line will not be again discontinued.

A marriage license was issued in the clerk's office yesterday to David George Johnson and Miss Jerusha White.

Mr. A. H. Lindsay, Jr., is quite sick at his residence in York View.

Captain Chas. W. Bland, one of the Virginian-Pilot representatives in this city, is in Baltimore, to remain until Saturday.

A pair of gold spectacles which were lost in the county, is advertised for. See ad and return as directed.

There are but four persons living in the city now who had sons in the war between the States.

There was a double marriage at the county jail yesterday. The parties were all colored. Rev. Mr. Ferebee, colored, performed the ceremony, and the parties all left well satisfied.

Four white boys were arrested last night on the suburbs, charged with annoying an old colored man. They were carried before Justice Alnoworth, who let them off with a reprimand.

It was rumored last night that a well-known young man, employed in a grocery store on Crawford street, was married yesterday afternoon to a lady in Western Branch. The party were not at home and could not be found last night, hence the report could not be verified.

Mr. E. S. Anderson advertises for a yellow colt dog belonging to him, which was lost on Tuesday.

The funeral of Captain Isaac Miller will take place to-morrow (Friday) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from his late residence in Brighton.

The will of Mrs. Virginia Winnagder was probated in the Hustings Court yesterday. She leaves all her property,

both real and personal, to her son, Wm. S. Winnagder.

There will be preaching to-night at the Park View Baptist Church. Rev. W. F. Fisher will conduct the services.

There was a pleasant dance last night at Pythian Hall, which was participated in by a number of young people from the city and county.

Mr. E. L. Dashiell requests the Virginian-Pilot to say that owing to the large crowd that visited his graphophone parlor yesterday, that ladies had but little chance to hear his big phone. For that reason he has fixed from 10 a. m. to 11 m. and from 2 to 4 p. m. to-day for ladies exclusively. There is no charge.

Rev. Mr. Thaxton, who has been preaching at the Court Street Presbyterian Chapel for about ten days, preached his farewell sermon last night to a large congregation. During his stay in this city he made quite an impression on those who heard him.

A lost pointer dog is advertised for in this issue.

Now is the time to make your contract for advertising, and the Virginian-Pilot is the place to put it, so that when the ladies start out shopping they will know where to go.

Mrs. Jacob Kaufman, who keeps the little store around the corner, invites the ladies to call and examine her stock of millinery. Cheap prices and good goods.

Attention is called to the advertisement of Porter & Page, railroad contractors, in which they announce that they are prepared to do grading of all kinds; also bridge work. Office at 315 High street.

(COMMUNICATED.) Portsmouth, Va., March 22.

Mr. Editor:

Please publish the following for the benefit of your country subscribers, who are deeply interested in the same:

AN IMPORTANT DECISION TO FARMERS.

Indemnifying Bonds and Crop Liens.

In the month of August last, in the county of Norfolk, K. a landlord, agreed in writing to furnish S. her tenant, certain advances in money and supplies, to enable him to make a crop for the ensuing year, reserving, at the same time, a lien thereon, pursuant to the provisions of section 2,494-6, Code of Virginia, 1887, and the acts of 1891-2, paragraph 782, amendatory thereof.

These advances, consisting of a large quantity of guano, were duly delivered to and placed in the possession of S. for the purpose stated. But, before S. had used this guano upon his land, M. who had previously recovered a judgment against S. sued out an execution thereon and put it in the hands of the sheriff of Norfolk county, with direction to levy on the property and to sell the same to satisfy the lien of the execution.

A doubt, however, arising whether the property was liable to such levy, the sheriff, by virtue of section 3,001, Code of Virginia, 1887, demanded an indemnifying bond to save him harmless in consequence of any damages which he might otherwise sustain.

Thereupon, M. refusing to give such bond, presented his petition to the Circuit Court of Norfolk county, praying for the award of the writ of mandamus to compel the sheriff to levy; and, upon this petition, a very vital and interesting question was submitted, calling for a proper interpretation of the two sections of the Code above quoted, and the acts amendatory thereof.

It was strenuously contended in argument by counsel for the petitioner that, under the acts of Assembly 1897-8, part graph 505, amending section 3,001 of the Code, the sheriff had no right, in the present case, nor in a similar case, to demand an indemnifying bond, and that he must proceed to levy and sell under the execution in his hands, unless prevented from so doing, by the tender of a suspending bond executed by the claimant of the property.

This position was strongly combatted by counsel for the landlord and tenant, who claimed that the statute relied on by counsel for the petitioner was, in a proceeding like the one under consideration, wholly inapplicable, that statute meaning simply that, where the property in dispute is the possession of the party against whom the process issued, "but is claimed by any other person, or is claimed to belong to any other person"—the two expressions meaning one and the same thing—the sheriff, unless the claimant give a suspending bond, shall proceed to levy the process, and he is not liable for any loss in consequence. They further maintained that, by virtue of sections 2,494-6, Code of Virginia, 1887, and the amendatory acts of 1891-2, page 782, an equitable lien existed on the property in question, and that S. had no interest therein that could be subjected to the lien of an execution. The plain objects of the statute were to enable the tenant, or planter, who might unfortunately be in reduced circumstances, to obtain advances with which to grow and cultivate a crop, and to secure to the landlord, or other person, a prior lien thereon, to the extent of such advances, when the crop should be made. Indeed, the advances, or fertilizers, thus furnished are, in a legal sense, a part and parcel of the crop itself, absolutely inseparable, the one form the other. Neither landlord nor tenant had any legal title to them and neither could, in any manner, dispose of them; and that, therefore, any other construction of the statute would defeat the plain objects of its enactment. These views, after a very learned and able opinion delivered from the bench, were sustained and the petition for mandamus refused. This decision is one of most material interest to the farming community, and every one engaged in the cultivation of the soil should be familiar with it. Though of such vast importance, as affecting all throughout the limits of the State, occupied with agricultural pursuits, the question has never before up to the present time, met with judicial determination. The petitioner was represented by Heath and Heath, and the landlord and tenant by C. W. Coleman, and Walker and Old.

FINE PIECE OF WORK.

To all lovers of art, it will be a treat to see the handsome piece of work in Dorin Brooks' window, 316 High street. It was done by a young gentleman, Mr. John S. Talman, now living in Claremont, Va., Surry county, and to him due credit should be given, for he has never taken a lesson, and this is comparatively his first attempt. You should not miss this great opportunity.

EVENTS TO-DAY.

Stephen C. Rowan Association, Naval Veterans.

Farragut Post, No. 1, G. A. R. Atlantic Lodge, No. 24, K. of P.

Portsmouth Council, No. 227, R. A. John W. Daniel Club, Political.

Penbody Council, No. 106, Jr. O. U. A. M.

Boys' Blue and Mixed Colored 25c. Eton Caps will be sold for 15c. this week at Charles R. Walton & Co's.

HURST AND FASS' STAND.

A Question of the Ownership of a Market Stall Settled by Mayor Baird.

On the 23d of February a colored man named James Carey obtained a license to sell fish in the market space allotted for that particular kind of business.

He applied to Mr. James Moore to designate a stand, pointing out one as being unoccupied. Mr. Moore, who is acting for Mr. Grant, the Clerk of the Market, who has been very ill, let the man have that stand, with the proviso that if any one had a license for it that he must give it up. Not being familiar with that end of the market, he did not know positively whether a license was held for that stand or not. This Carey agreed to. But as soon as he took charge of the place Messrs. Hurst & Fass, the well-known fish dealers, informed him that they had a license for the stand, and had paid for the occupation of the stands used in their business and for which a license-tax was paid, and the city being the owner of the property in question would have to dispossess Hurst & Fass before a third party could legally be given the privilege to do business on the stand in question.

The Mayor, in reference to the ordinance which went into effect May 1, 1897, as to the right of one fish huckster to occupy more than one stand, construed it as having no effect on the occupancy of the fish stands in the market proper, but to mean just what the ordinance sets forth, namely: "All space on the north end of the market space fronting on Columbia street shall be reserved for general fish market use, and no space on it shall be reserved by or for any person or firm, but those occupying it shall pay the regular daily market tax, and shall be permitted to take positions on it according to their arrival each day. Such space shall not be occupied by stands or carts after market hours, and the fish huckster shall occupy more than one stand."

The stand in dispute is under the market shed, and in that portion located by the city ordinance and designated as the space for the sale of fish, viz: Two stalls on each side of the north end of the market and 10 feet of the space outside of the north end of the shed.

Messrs. Frank L. Crocker and Richard Cox Barlow represented Carey, while Captain Charles T. Bland, of Porter & Bland, looked after Hurst & Fass' interests. Carey had to give up the stand, and it is again in possession of Hurst & Fass.

Portsmouth, Va., March 20, 1899.

Editor Virginian-Pilot:

Can you kindly give us in Thursday's paper the Birthdays of the late Bismarck and General Nathaniel Green, of Revolutionary fame? We cannot find them in the city library.

Thanking you in advance,

"THREE READERS."

Bismarck was born April 1, 1815; and General Nathaniel Green was born May 27, 1742.

We have oftentimes cautioned our readers that all communications to the Virginian-Pilot must be accompanied by their real names and address, not for publication, but for our information and as an evidence of good faith; otherwise their communications will go, unnoticed, into the waste basket. Please bear this in mind hereafter.

WILL BEGIN WORK.

Yesterday Mr. W. T. Whisnant, for the city, Mr. Fidelity Cromwell, for the county, and Messrs. Virgilus Fowler and James Eldwell, appraisers for Gill & Thomas, met and after some discussion, selected Mr. George L. Neville as the fifth appraiser of the ferry property. Mr. Neville was elected secretary of the committee. The meeting was held with closed doors, and nothing was given out for publication. After being in session for some time, the meeting adjourned until to-day, when the appraisalment will begin. Such awards as the committee may make will be paid. It will require several days to complete the appraisalment.

"SIMPLY WONDERFUL."

The above was the expression of Mr. Ernest Dashiell yesterday to a Virginian-Pilot man. "I advertised in your paper exclusively yesterday," said he, "that I would open my graphophone parlor yesterday morning, and by 5 o'clock fully one hundred people were there to hear the largest and most wonderful phones in existence. By the time for the opening, which was 9 o'clock, the crowd was very large and continued present several hours. Your paper is simply wonderful. It is great and does the work promised."

AN APPRECIATED PRESENT.

Yesterday morning Lieutenant A. H. Only, of the police force, was the recipient, through mail, of a box of cigars, which came all the way from Cuba, as a present from Lieutenant George S. Hutchins, of the Old Dominion Guards.

Lieutenant Only opened the box and generously distributed among the gentlemen present several cigars each, which act was much appreciated, especially so after a "whiff" from a genuine Havana tobacco of which the cigars were made.

COLORS REPUBLICANS AT WORK.

Wednesday night, at Pinner's Point, the colored Republican Club of Western Branch District met in mass-meeting to discuss the questions at issue in the spring campaign in the county.

W. H. Sawyer presided, and many speakers addressed the assembly of colored voters, among them J. W. Woodward, C. Gregory and A. J. Manning. W. E. Holman was secretary. The club will meet again as soon as the president thinks it necessary.

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

These naval orders have been issued: Passed Assistant Engineer A. Moritz, detached from duty in connection with the Bancroft and ordered to the Newark.

Chief Engineer R. S. Ross, detached from the Newark and ordered to the Continental Iron Works.

Chief Engineer G. E. Burd, detached from duty at the Continental Iron Works and ordered to the receiving-ship Vermont at the New York navy yard.

Lieutenant C. S. Stanworth, ordered to duty at the naval station, Port Royal, S. C.

OLD FOLKS' CONCERT.

The "Old Folks' Concert," to be given in the Sunday school room of Wright Memorial Church, during the first week in April, will be an elaborate affair.

The ladies and gentlemen participating will wear ye ancient costumes, Aunt Dinah, Uncle Hozekiah, and Brother Jedadah will be very much in evidence. The ladies of the church are working very hard to make the concert a great success, and all who attend will be insured a good time, and a hearty laugh. Announcement of the exact date will be made later.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY ORGANIZED.

A number of ladies met yesterday afternoon at Central Church and organized a foreign missionary society. The following were elected officers for the first six months: Mrs. M. A. Moore, president; Mrs. Robert Saunders, vice-president; Mrs. Julia Shannon, corresponding secretary; Miss A. Brinkley, recording secretary; Mrs. Charles Friedlin, treasurer.

Twenty-one members enrolled their names.

STRUCK WITH A PICKAXE.

Yesterday morning two negro men, named Henry Capps and Jim Miller, who were employed by a trucker, had some words which caused Capps to strike Miller with a pickaxe, inflicting an ugly wound. Miller was brought to this city, carried to the office of Dr. Robinson, who dressed the wound, and sent him to his home. Capps was not arrested, our informant said.

FUNERAL OF MRS. RILEY.

The funeral of Mrs. Julia Riley took place yesterday afternoon from St. Paul's Catholic Church. The services were conducted by Rev. T. J. Brady, after which the remains were interred in Oak Grove cemetery. The following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: Michael O'Brien, John Shagnessy, Thomas, J. McDonough, John Fahey, Thos. Lawless.

DIED.

MILLER, A. H. residence in Brighton, March 22, 1899, at 1:45 p. m. Captain ISAAC S. MILLER, aged 61 years, 4 months and 11 days.

Funeral services at the residence TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON at 3:30 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

LOST—A LEMON COLORED and white pointer dog, with small patch of hair off hind leg. Answers to name of Doctor. Reward if left at 6th County street. mh23-2t.

LOST—A YELLOW COLLIE DOG. Answers to name of Alex. Reward if returned to E. S. ANDERTON, 337 High street. mh23-2t.

FOUND ON MY PREMISES—A strange black bull has taken up my place. The owner can get the same by calling at the McMahon farm, J. J. McMAHON. mh23-2t.

SEVEN FRESH AND SPRINGING Jersey and two native cows for sale. A bargain till April 1st, also nine registered Jersey heifers of Saint Lambert's strain. J. D. ARMSTRONG, 118 E. STOCK COMPANY. mh23-2t.

FOR SALE—OUR POPULAR \$1.50 Derby. Can't be beat. WM. B. DOUGHTREY & CO., 318 High street. mh23-2w.

Spring Opening

At the Little Store Around the Corner.

All the latest styles in Spring Millinery. Give us a call and examine our goods. No fancy prices. Good goods at low prices. We strive to please. All are invited. Respectfully,

MRS. JACOB KAUFMAN, mh23-2t.

LOST.

On Thursday, March 18th, at the crossing of the western end of Queen street, extended and the Port Norfolk trolley car track, a pair of gold frame spectacles. The finder will receive a reward of one dollar if left at the office of J. D. L. Blissly, corner of High and Middle street, Portsmouth. mh23-3t.

F. L. BENSON.

Special Offers!

Fine Creamery Butter, 23c. Fine Baltimore Corned Beef, Naval Cut, 8c. Sweet Pickle Peas only 10c. per quart, this is the whole price. Fresh lot of Fine Water Cress, 10c. per quart, 3 quarts for 25c. Sun Dried Peaches, 10c. per lb. Table Peaches, heavy syrup, 12c. Bartlett Pears, 3-4c. can 10c. California Prunes 8c. per lb. Coffee, 12c. per lb. Maricao Coffee, 15c. Corned Spots, 5c. per lb. Don't forget our Brownie Bread and Peaches if you are fond of good things.

C. W. HUDGINS & CO.

Both Phones. 802 Crawford street. de2-6m.

FOR EASTER!

Up-to-Date.

New line Colored PK. figured and stripes, worth 12c., for 10c. White PK. 10c., 12c., 15c., 18c., 20c. and 25c.

8 Styles in Suitings for Ladies' Skirts, for this week only 11c.

12 Pieces Dress Goods, former price 12c. for 10c.

8 Pieces Serge, in Black and Colors, worth 10c., for 12c.

5 Pieces Plaid for Children's Dresses and Ladies' Waists, 12c.

Percale and Lawn Shirt Waists, 50c. Pull the Spring Gingham.

Percale and Calico, 4c. and up.

HATS! HATS! HATS!

Straw Sailors, Black and Fancy, 10c. to \$1.49.

L. T. ADAMS & BRO.,

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726 High Street

BLICK & BRITTINGHAM FLORISTS.

Potted Plants, Cut Flowers, Funeral Designs, Wedding Bouquets, Table Clusters, and everything that is kept in a first-class floral depot.

BLICK & BRITTINGHAM,

New phone 1315, 319 HIGH STREET. fe23-1m.

YOUR CAPITAL, YOUR CREDIT AND YOUR GOOD NAME ARE INVOLVED IF YOUR INSURANCE FAILS YOU.

We charge no more for SAFETY FUND POLICIES, which are CONFLAGRATION PROOF, than others charge for inferior protection.

The Best is the Cheapest.

JOHN L. WATSON,

Portsmouth, Va.

Grand Opening.

We cordially invite the public (ladies especially) to the opening of our up-to-date

GRAPHOPHONE PARLOR.

—TO TAKE PLACE ON—

WEDNESDAY NEXT, MARCH 22d.

We will have an unlimited stock of Graphophones ranging in price from \$5 to \$300. Also Graphophone equipments of all descriptions. Call and hear the Graphophone grand which will entertain you after 9 o'clock a. m.

E. L. DASHIELL,

408 CRAWFORD STREET. mh23-2t.

15c.—HAMS—15c.

Some fine new Southamptons, at 15c., all sizes. Extra small Corned and Sugar-cured Hams also. Dried Green Peas, 5c. For pies—Canned Apples and Blueberries.

E. R. BARKSDALE,

Bell Phone 2253, 129 Court Street.

NOTICE OF AGENCY.

Notice is hereby given that I have this day appointed Mr. RICHARD D. GUY my agent to conduct the Cigar, Vinegar, Extract and Jobbing business at No. 805 Crawford street, in the city of Portsmouth, Va., known as the Southern Cigar and Produce Company, but the said agent is authorized to buy and sell for cash only.

C. N. MARKHAM.

Portsmouth, Va., March 9, 1899. mh23-2t.

Specials for Two Days.

So called Smithfield Hams, at 15c. 10c. Worcester Sauce, at 6c. 20c. Catsup (fine), at 12c. 10c. Mixed Nuts, at 7c. 10c. Mixed Candy, at 8c. pound. 5c. Mountain Buckwheat, at 3c. lb.

R. E. KING,

New phone 1365, 200 Court street.

NEAT AND ATTRACTIVE.

This is what every one says who has visited Pearson's Dairy Lunch; it is the neatest place of the kind in the city. Call and be convinced.

H. O. PEARSON,

Ferry Dairy Lunch, 209 High street, Portsmouth, Va.

LOOK WHAT A LINE OF WHEELS!

WAVERLEY, COLUMBIA, EAGLE, REMINGTON, STORMER,

25, 35, 40 and 50 DOLLARS. COME AND SEE US.

W. N. WHITE, Portsmouth, Va.

D. G. PORTER.

L. C. W. PAGE.

PORTER & PAGE,

Railroad Contractors, Grading and Bridge Work.

Office 315 High Street, Portsmouth, Va.

PHONE 2257. mh23-3m.

A Few More Left, the Celebrated Featherbone Corsets, 50c., 75c., \$1.13

10-4 Bed Spreads, Marsellio patterns, worth \$1.50, special \$1.25.

Extra heavy cord French PK., in White and Colors, 10c. to 25c. yd.

Handsome Black Silk and Wool Crepons, the \$1.25 kind for 75c. yd., on up to \$1.50 yd.

Best 36-inch Sea Island Percales, worth 12c. yd.; our special price, 10c. yd.

Ladies' Mull and Bobinet Ties, special 10c. and 25c.

24-inch San Juan Plaids for Wa